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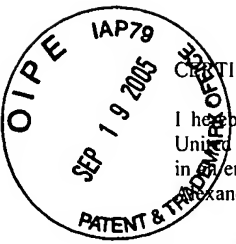
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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully request correction of the filing receipt for the above referenced application as follows.

This application is a Continuation of 09/775,409 01/05/2001 PAT 6,648,313 which is a CIP of 09/158,997 09/23/1998 ABN.

We enclose a copy of the first page of the application as originally submitted along with a copy Corrected Filing Receipt dated September 2, 2005.

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CLAMPING ARTICLE AND METHOD

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of co-pending application Serial No. 09/755,409 filed on January 5, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of application
5 serial no. 09/158,997 filed September 23, 1998.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention:

This present invention relates generally to clamping articles and, more particularly, to an article for clamping a plurality of objects together to form a
10 bonded unit in a secure and effective manner.

Description of Related Art:

Objects such as sheets of material have been clamped together by a clamping article to form a bonded unit, wherein the objects to be clamped together may include a layer therebetween of a material for enabling the objects to be secured
15 together. The clamping article is able to exert pressure on the objects at points along the surfaces thereof and/or at junctions of the objects such as corners thereof which may be angular, curved, or squared, to enable bonding of the objects together.

However, such clamping articles have been inefficient and limited in use, in
20 that they have been bulky and able to clamp only a limited ranges of sizes of objects together, and they have also been expensive and inconvenient to utilize. Further, such clamping articles have not been designed for use in a wide range of clamping projects, and have not been practical for clamping objects at multiple locations together.



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